



MOORING LINES



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WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT:	77
NO. OF VISITS:	70
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY:	365
NEW MINISTERING SEAFARERS:	0
NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE STUDENTS:	0
NEW BIBLE STUDY LEADER:	0

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Mission Statement

The Tacoma Seafarers' Center is organized to minister holistically, (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to seafarers who come to the Port of Tacoma. Our ministry emphasis is spreading the saving gospel of Jesus Christ world-wide to and through Seafarers.

This issue of the Mooring Lines is dedicated to our Dear Sister in the Lord, Doris Bauer.

Born in Deep Creek, WA September 1, 1921
Went to her Lord in Heaven on September 9, 2003 – 8 days after her 82nd Birthday.

Doris loved the Lord and was always trying to serve Him in anyway possible. She started working at the Tacoma Seafarers' Center in 1982. She made copies of all the Seafarers' Bible Correspondence Courses and assembled them into booklets. She filed all correspondence from seafarers, made copies of audio tapes and video tapes and helped with any task around the Center that was needed. She would come to the Center faithfully each week until her health finally kept her away in about 1998. Doris was active in the Ladies auxiliary and served as President of the Auxiliary.

Doris was married to Herb for fifty years. They had three sons and 5 Grandchildren. Doris attended Praise Community Church where she served on many committees and was on the Leadership team for a three year term.

Doris will be missed by her family and many friends. But, they know that their loss is truly Heaven's gain. Rest in the Savior's arms Dear Doris, until we meet again.

BIBLES DISTRIBUTED:

English – 33 Chinese – 3 Greek – 1 Japanese – 1
Tagalog – 9

'JESUS' VIDEOS DISTRIBUTED:

English – 6 Chinese – 2 Tagalog – 2 Polish – 1

WELCOME BACK

Pastor Paul Peterson has rejoined the ranks of volunteers at the Center. He has been active in seafaring ministry for several years and used to be on the staff of the Tacoma Seafarers' Center several years ago. He also brings men from his church to visit the ships, especially the ships where the seafarers do not have shore passes. It is a great help having the additional ships visitors and we are truly thankful for Pastor Peterson's time and talent. He

brings with him a sincere concern for the seafarers and their need to come to know Jesus.

SEPTEMBER REPORT – CHAPLAIN LLOYD BOVEE

Each time we leave the Seafarers' Center and go aboard a ship, it is a new adventure. I know that all of you cannot do this, but because of your faithfulness with your prayers and gifts, we are able to move ahead in the Lord's work.

This past week I was able to help Herbert Descalso Pagkaliwangan, a wiper on the *M/V Ever Dynamic*, an Evergreen ship. He is the only crewmember who is not Chinese. Herbert is Filipino and a Christian. He needed to send money home for his family. When the other crewmembers and I went to Costco, we went to Safeway on 38th and M Street (for all of you who don't know---Safeway has a Western Union terminal in their stores and you can wire money all over the world). He wanted to send \$1,200.00. I suggested to him that he need to make out three money order slips for \$400.00, because Western Union would only charge \$16 per \$400. If you send an amount like \$1,000.00, the cost is \$90. So, for three money orders, the cost was \$48. That was one pleased Seafarer. One more thing, if you are going to send money anywhere outside of the USA, be sure that on the other end you say the payout is in dollars.

There are some of our readers who may not get the *Times* magazine from September 8, 2003 issue; but in the "Letters" section I am quoting Grant Grissom of Media, PA who wrote: "The controversy surrounding the ratifications of Bishop Robinson is just one symptom of a much deeper divide: between those Christians who consider the Bible to be literally the unchanging inerrant word of God and those who reject this view. From the fundamentalist perspective, the elevation of Robinson is equivalent at acknowledging that Scripture is not inerrant, that its prohibitions against homosexuality are neither the word nor the will of God. There is more than homosexuality at stake here; gays have been caught in the crossfire."

How can this be happening in the church? The Word says that in the last days man will be lover of self. We must all know the Word; there can be no middle ground. We must seek God and ask for wisdom and strength.

Chaplain, Lloyd Bovee

THE "DAY IT SNOWED SHIRTS" OR "CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST"

I received a call from Northwest Embroidery; they were cleaning out their warehouse, getting ready for the new Fall and Winter line of clothing. They had found more T-shirts and hats from Microsoft. "Would we like them?" "Would a bear like honey?" "Would a squirrel like nuts?" "Would a Seafarer like new clothes?" **"Yes siree!!! I'll be right there."**

Well, a Ford Explorer holds eighteen cases or 926 shirts. I traveled three times to the Center with full loads of shirts. A final load contained nine cases. The ground at the Center was covered with sixty-three cases of beautiful white shirts and two cases of new hats. In total, thanks to Northwest Embroidery and Microsoft; they donated 3,410 shirts and 750 hats. What a wonderful gift. **Thanks to Brian and Mike Egan.**

Praise the Lord.
Ed Egan

HONESTLY FOLKS I DON'T WRITE NOVELS!

The day, September 11, 2003, sorry this does not have anything to do with 9-11, but the strange way our Lord guides us here at the Port. I had put 24 T-shirts and other materials into the van for a visit to, as yet, an unknown ship. Gene, month's back had challenged me to visit ships, as I deemed appropriate.

Before driving away from the Center, I had the fortune to meet the affable "Doc" Campbell. What a nice man to have around when calculating board feet! Okay, back to my escapade. I am driving down 11th Street past the Port Office and I look back and see a small freighter at Pier 7. It is named Bright Star. I do a quick U-Turn and proceed through security to the ship. The ship is also under security; the crew of 24 has a Captain and an Engineer of Japanese

ethnicity, and the remainder Filipinos. Four of the men don't have shore passes. I start passing out newspapers, cards, pens, and T-shirts to the Seafarers. The crew are excited, grabbing at the shirts. They think they have just won the lottery.

Now the fun, stay with me folks. It's raining outside, actually it's pouring, first time in months. Ed tries to walk down a slippery gang way. I slip, maintain my balance, but **split** my pants from zipper all the way to the back belt. No, problem, I'll just leave, drive over to the longshoreman's lunchroom and evaluate the damage. Now, I've never been in this building in my life. When I come out of the restroom a Longshoreman and a Filipino sailor are trying to call a taxi for the Bright Star. Here I had just spent 20 minutes convincing the Captain and crew that the Seafarer Center is available for such activity, and I run into their Chief Officer (Note: he had been off the ship looking for a phone.) The Longshoreman told the seafarer he didn't need a taxi he needed me and walked away. The officer and I talked. He realized I was his 'divine' taxi driver and **Free.**

The local taxi wanted \$10.00/person to go to the Mall. We went back to the ship. He wanted to be sure his free shirt was there, plus we picked up several other crewmembers that wanted to also shop at the Mall. Normally, most of the crew shop for 3-4 hours; these men went to the Mall for eight hours.

The moral of the story is that you never know when the Lord may come a calling, and it might even be when your pants are split up the middle. Of course, you all know the tale your mother's told you, "Never leave the house without wearing clean underwear, you never know when---".

Ed Egan

Thought: "May the most you wish for be the least you get."

NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING -- October 7, 2003 @ 7:00 am

NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING - October 28, 2003

Hostess: Sue McCarty and Shirley Muntz

Devotions: Shirley Muntz

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